

Subject: RE: SCBD

From: Ben Besley <bbesley@midwoodid.com>

Date: 09/12/2018 01:04 PM

To: John Walker <john@johntwalker.com>

CC: Tony Richman <latonyr@gmail.com>, Barry Wise <barrywise@earthlink.net>, Dean Cutler <DCUTLER@ILLICRE.COM>

Tony and Fellow Sub-Committee Members,

Just received the attached e-mail from Tara's office. I will speak with her on Friday.

-Ben

From: Ben Besley

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 12:42 PM

To: 'John Walker' <john@johntwalker.com>

Cc: Tony Richman <latonyr@gmail.com>; Barry Wise <barrywise@earthlink.net>; Dean Cutler <DCUTLER@ILLICRE.COM>

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Tony and Fellow Sub-Committee Members,

I didn't hear anything back from Tara Devine but did get some feedback from a close friend who works at the Tribune Real Estate Group (property assets from the Los Angeles Times and other Tribune media entities) who knows Taylor personally. He says Taylor is the real deal and that his ambition is sincere and reliable in his estimate.

I also got some interesting feedback, or telling lack of feedback, on Vicki from my wife Sarah, who used to Chair the Los Angeles BID Consortium. Sarah doesn't know Vicki and neither does her former manager Kerry Morrison. This is telling of someone who is now managing multiple BIDs. Sarah thought it was concerning that she hasn't been participating in the "BID community" over her the course of her career.

I think this is all the feedback I'll have on these folks. Let me know what else I can share or contribute to help make this decision.

-Ben

From: John Walker <john@johntwalker.com>

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 10:16 AM

To: Ben Besley <bbesley@midwoodid.com>

Cc: Tony Richman <latonyr@gmail.com>; Barry Wise <barrywise@earthlink.net>; Dean Cutler <DCUTLER@ILLICRE.COM>

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Hello Ben -

Thank you for your follow-up on this. I should share some information re: Tara Devine: If you are not aware, she is (or was) leading the Venice BID who was being investigated about lack of transparency - collecting Money and not spending it within the BID - and before I was aware of any of this, she was someone who gave

us a bid to be the consultant of our Renewal. We went with someone else because her quote came back at over \$45,000 - which seemed way too high.

This is not meant to sway your investigation but I think you should be aware of some history - and perhaps your wife is aware of some of this?

Regards,

John

On Sep 10, 2018, at 9:44 AM, Ben Besley <bbesley@midwoodid.com> wrote:

Gentlemen,

My contact at the Hollywood BID Kerry Morrison, a Coro Fellow, didn't know of Taylor but that's not surprising as he did the program in St. Louis. I have a call into the President of the Venice Beach BID Tara Devine to get some feedback. Will update you all tomorrow at the latest.

-Ben

From: Tony Richman <latonyr@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2018 10:59 AM
To: WISE BARRY <barrywise@earthlink.net>; Ben Besley <bbesley@midwoodid.com>; CUTLER DEAN <DCUTLER@ILLICRE.COM>; SCBD OFFICE <john@johntwalker.com>
Cc: Tony Richman <latonyr@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: SCBD

FYI #2: see below. Tony

Begin forwarded message:

From: Taylor Bazley <taylorbazley@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: SCBD
Date: September 5, 2018 at 1:39:01 PM PDT
To: Tony Richman <latonyr@gmail.com>

Thank you for taking the time! The committee had very thoughtful questions that I think illuminated very clearly the many opportunities which lay in front of the organization for growth and further improvement to the heart of Studio City. I would be honored to work with you all to make those opportunities a reality and eagerly look forward to our next communications.

Please extend my gratitude to the full committee - I wasn't able to find their email addresses anywhere online (let alone mailing) otherwise I would have sent a note personally.

Regard,

Taylor

On Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 9:18 PM Tony RICHMAN <latonyr@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Taylor. Good meeting. I'll get back to you in about a week. Tony

From my cell phone

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Subject: Your Call

From: Venice Beach BID <admin@venicebeachbid.com>

Date: 09/12/2018 12:57 PM

To: Ben Besley <bbesley@midwoodid.com>

Tara asked me to let you know that she has a heavily scheduled week + a Board meeting on Friday. She will give you a call late Friday, or you may text her at 310.430.5121 and she may be able to get back to you faster that way.

—Attachments:—

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